



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

A parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 / 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 3) SUNDAY AFTER ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world // great mercy.

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

TROPARION OF GREAT-MARTYR NICETAS IN TONE THREE

Thou didst defeat error and didst triumph in martyrdom, / Nicetas, namesake of victory; / for thou didst conquer the ranks of the enemy / and didst end thy ↑contest by fire. // Pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE THREE

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; / with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

- *Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

FESTAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, / grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, / granting them victories over their adversaries // by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy!
v. The Lord reigns, let the people tremble!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast gotten of old!

v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Instead of "It is truly meet...", the choir sings (in Tone 8):

Verse: Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

Hirmos: Thou art a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, / who, though untitled, hast brought forth Christ; / through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. / Now at its Elevation, / as we bow in worship before it, we magnify thee.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The light of Thy countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Instead of "We have seen the true light ...," the choir sings the festal troparion.

SAINTS COMMEMORATED TODAY

Commemorated on September 15: *Sunday After Elevation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross.* Great-martyr Nicetas the Goth; Martyr Nicomedes of Rome; Uncovering of the relics of the Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen; Uncovering of the Relics St. Acacius, Bishop of Melitene; Martyrs Theodotus, Asclepiodotus, and Maximus, of Adrianopolis; Martyr Porphyry the Actor; St. Albinus, Bishop of Lyon; St. Philotheus the Presbyter; St. Mamilian, Bishop of Palermo; St. Leobinus, Bishop of Chartres; St. Merinus, Abbot of Paisley Abbey; St. Aichard, Abbot of Jumièges Abbey; St. Bessarion, Archbishop of Larissa; New Martyr John of Crete; St. Joseph the New of Partos, Metropolitan of Timishoara; St. Symeon, Archbishop of Thessalonica.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by Helen Wanko in memory of Andrew Wanko (anniversary of repose). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Wilfred J. Royer (10th anniversary of repose). **St. John's Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Anastasia Sahonchik. **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Donald G. Royer. **Triple Candelabra** offered by the Wasilewski Family in memory of Vasyl Pavuk.

TODAY'S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Wilfred J. Royer offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer.

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

PARISH & LOCAL NEWS

(1) FOCA New Jersey District's 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament and Family Picnic is being held on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at the corner of Robert and Kamm Avenues in South River, N.J. (in the event of rain, it will be at Ss. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 7 Jeffrie Avenue, South River, N.J.). If interested in attending, please contact Rebecca Kozak at 973-634-7517 or Michael Kupec at 973-452-6548. See flyer on the bulletin board in the church vestibule for more information.

(2) A Pasta & Meatball Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 11:30 AM. The menu consists of salad, Italian bread, pasta and meatballs, wine, coffee or tea, and dessert. Tickets are \$35 per person (half-price for children up to 12); for information and tickets, contact the Rectory at (201-436-3244) or Marge Kovach at (732) 815-9765. See flyer on bulletin board in church vestibule.

(3) The Parish Council is meeting at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 19, 2024 in the church hall.

(4) Registration for the Diocesan Fall Teen Retreat (open to all jurisdictions), at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, New York on October 4-6, 2024, is by scanning the QR code (see below). Registration closes on September 20, 2024.



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